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PENCE CONGRATULATES LOVING SHEPHERD INTERNATIONAL FOR RECEIVING CONGRESSION

Washington, Sep 30, 2003 - Washington, D.C.— Congressman Mike Pence congratulated Loving Shepherd International of Bluffton, IN, today for receiving the Angel in Adoption Award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption.

"I want to thank Loving Shepherd International for its hard work and faith-based approach to making adoption a reality for hundreds of families across the country," said Pence. "I couldn't think of a more deserving group to receive this award."

Ed Schwartz, President of Loving Shepherd International, will accept the award tonight at the Angels in Adoption Awards gala. The annual gala gives members of Congress the opportunity to recognize the "unsung heroes" of adoption from their own state or district who played a role in assisting children in need.

Each member of Congress selects one person or family whom they feel best deserves recognition for their outstanding efforts in adoption advocacy and changing the lives of children. Pence nominated Loving Shepherd for the award this year.

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